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THE SAME, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME

CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign  
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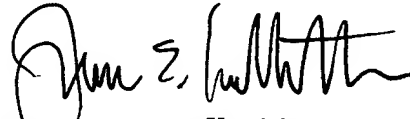
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